

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. You fed us manna in the wilderness, and gave us grapes as evidence of the promised land. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When we turned aside from your way and abused your gifts, you gave us in him your crowning gift. Emptying himself that our joy might be full, he fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with scorned and forgotten, washed his disciples' feet, and gave a holy meal as a pledge of his abiding presence. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: *"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."* When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: *"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."* And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Baptist Church

APRIL 17, 2025

7:00 PM

TENEBRAE

— A SERVICE OF SHADOWS —



Dr. Richard D. Seagle, Senior Pastor

Rev. Kerry Q. Peeler, Associate Pastor of Christian Education

Rev. Michael McKnight, Interim Minister of Music

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WE GATHER AT THE CROSS

Prelude Angela Jovanovich, violin
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us - arr. Lenny Seidel

Welcome Richard Seagle

*Call to Worship Litany Richard Seagle

Welcome to you who call upon the name of Christ. We gather tonight to recall the story of the night Jesus was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the feast of Jesus, the Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden -- indeed, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness!

God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth. Bring us to this feast of remembrance with open hearts!

*Hymn of Passion No. 191 PASSION CHORALE
O Sacred Head Now Wounded

*Invocation Kerry Peeler

Reading of Isaiah 53:3-6 Ken Wooten

WE MEET OUR LORD AT HIS TABLE

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving [see back page]

Invitation to the Table Richard Seagle

Breaking the Bread
Pouring the Cup

Musical Offering Todd Price, alto saxophone
O Lamb of God - arr. Brant Adams

Passing of the Peace Richard Seagle

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

The Meaning of Tenebrae Michael McKnight

TENEBRAE: WE RE-LIVE THE SHADOWS

(Instructions for the Congregation)

Before each reader, we will sing the first and last lines of "Were You There" with new words for each reading.

Reader 1 **Sing:** *Were you there when she poured the sweet perfume?* (repeat)
"Jesus Is Anointed with Oil" Kerry Peeler

Reader 2 *Were you there when Judas betrayed our Lord?* (repeat)
"Jesus Reveals the One Who Will Betray Him" Amy Price

Reader 3 *Were you there when he broke the bread with friends?* (repeat)
"Jesus Shares Communion with His Friends" Sheree Bagley

Reader 4 *Were you there when he knelt alone in prayer?* (repeat)
"Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane" James Garner

Reader 5 *Were you there when they came to take my Lord?* (repeat)
"Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested" Charlotte Fuller

Reader 6 *Were you there when they stood my Lord on trial?* (repeat)
"Jesus is Put on Trial" Ken Gray

Reader 7 *Were you there when denial came from Peter?* (repeat)
"Peter Denies His Lord" Wayne Brown

Reader 8 *Were you there when the second trial began?* (repeat)
"Jesus Is Taken Before Pilate" Tracey Lorentzen

Reader 9 *Were you there when Barabbas was released?* (repeat)
"Pilate Releases Barabbas" Bobby West

Reader 10 *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?* (repeat)
"Jesus is Crucified at Golgotha" Dwayne Alligood

Reader 11 *Were you there when my Lord gave up His life?* (repeat)
"Jesus takes His Final Breath on the Cross" Richard Seagle

Reader 12 *Were you there when the earth began to shake?* (repeat)
"Creation Reacts to the Death of Christ" Andy Wilkinson

The Strepitus

Stripping of the Cross

SENDING FORTH GOD'S CHILDREN

As you go forth....

Please leave this time of worship in quiet reflection on the suffering and death of our Savior. Plan to return tomorrow at 12 noon for our Good Friday service and then on Easter morning for our celebration of the resurrection of Christ!